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Moved by:

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: Craig E. Willis

RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2016
OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500.00 TO MEMPHIS BEAT
THE ODDS FOUNDATION, A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN BURGESS.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program Resolution (Agenda Item No. 7) passed on July 6, 2015 (the "CEP Resolution"), the Shelby County Board of Commissioners created a Community Enhancement Program and established policies and guidelines for the appropriation and disbursement of County funds to governmental entities and non-profit civic and charitable organizations meeting certain criteria, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Said CEP Resolution provides that all grant appropriations pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program shall promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and shall only be available to support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that community enhancement grant proceeds must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that such grants shall be approved to specific entities by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That funds from the FY2016 Operating Budget are hereby allocated and awarded to Memphis Beat the Odds Foundation in the amount of \$2500.00 as a grant listed in Exhibit A hereto for the projects detailed in the attached plan of services for the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said grant proceeds must promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements, and must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer shall prepare and execute a grant contract with the specific entities designated herein within thirty (30) days of the grantee's compliance with the grant awarding conditions set forth in the CEP Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment of grant funds shall be made as provided by the CEP Resolution and the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are hereby authorized to issue their warrant or warrants for all amounts appropriated herein, and to take proper credit in their accounting therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____

Exhibit A
Community Enhancement Grants
FY 2016

Per Resolution (Agenda Item No. __) passed _____, 2016

Memphis Beat the Odds Foundation

Grant Agency Memphis Beat the Odds Foundation

Type of Grant Programs

Grant Amount \$2500.00

Sponsor(s) Commissioner Melvin Burgess, \$2500.00

Purpose The Memphis chapter of “Beat the Odds” was founded in 1994 by Dr. Theresa Montgomery Okwumabua. Similar to Marian Wright Edelman’s Children’s Defense Fund’s nationally renowned “Beat the Odds” project, Memphis “Beat the Odds” focuses on the positive potential of youth. Since its inception, Memphis “Beat the Odds” has received strong support within the community, from local and national businesses, community faith-based organizations, and private citizens. The program focuses on uplifting the human quality of life in our community by letting the community, particularly young people, know that they can beat the odds, too. The organization also aims to raise awareness regarding the pivotal role that adults and the community play in the lives of young people. It emphasizes that not one of the “odd beaters” did so without the support of, at least, one adult in their lives. The requested funds will be used to (1) offer a high profile awards program honoring local youth who have faced some incredible odds and an adult, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of children and youth; (2) develop short videos, highlighting the circumstances and accomplishments of the honorees; (3) support the educational needs of the youth honorees and a youth serving organization of the adult honoree’s choice; (4) conduct outreach activities, before and after the awards celebration targeting a broader audience of youth and informing them about overcoming adversity as

well as the importance and power of giving back to the community through service (community service); (5) offer a Youth Forum featuring former ‘Beat the Odds’ recipients and others who have experienced significant hardship in their lives but found ways to overcome them, and (6) compile the inspirational stories of Memphis “Beat the Odds” award recipients into a document which will be shared with other youth and the broader community.